

I strongly support the ARRL's proposed changes to the Amateur Radio licensing structure, as described in RM-10867.

While Morse Code/CW is still a favored mode of operation for many hams, current technologies and the progression of time have in fact dated its necessity. Therefore, the practice of forcing amateur radio operators to be tested on that mode borders on the absurd. Several other countries have already made this decision. It is time for us to move forward.

Many hams do not agree with the "instant upgrade" of the Technician class licensees to General, without some form of testing. I can support that. A certain level of knowledge, beyond that of typical VHF/UHF operating, should be part of every ham. Theory testing can address these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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